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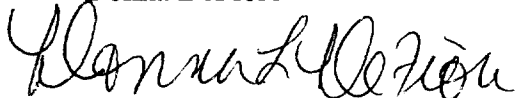
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a concerned consumer and caretaker and want any product that is irradiated or contains an irradiated ingredient to be conspicuously labeled either with the word "radiation" or "irradiated" and with the radura logo. Anything less would be inaccurate, misleading, and irresponsible. This requirement should never expire.

From what I have read, this will not only insure the consumer and loved ones receive healthy non-dangerous food products but will help the meat industry as well. By this I mean it will reduce the pressure on agribusiness to provide better treatment and living conditions to farmed animals. Also irradiation extends the shelf life of meat and poultry, which will lead to increased exports.

You will also be doing a very big justice for animals that really do deserve a break!

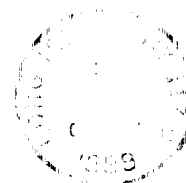
Thank you
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